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## THE WAR.

### LATEST TELEGRAMS.

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#### RUSSIANS OCCUPY KERMANSIAH

AFTER A TWO DAYS' BATTLE.

London, March 15.

The Russians have taken Kermansiah, a town of 100,000 inhabitants, in Persia, about 100 miles north-west of Baghdad.

A Russian official message transmitted by wireless reports:—

"The enemy in the night attacked and occupied a portion of our trenches to the south-west of Brzeshau. Our counter-attack drove him out with great losses."

"We are pressing the retreating Turks in the direction of Sakis and are approaching Bannu."

"We occupied Kermansiah after an obstinate two days' battle. The pursuit of the Turks continues."

[The place given as Sakis in the cable is apparently that given on English maps as Sakiz, about fifty miles north of Kermansiah. Bannu (or Bannu) is about twenty miles south-west of Sakiz.]

#### "THE HANDWRITING ON THE WALL."

London, March 15.

The New York World says that the fall of Baghdad is the handwriting on the wall of the Turkish Empire, and heralds the beginning of the end of Prussianism.

#### THE MACEDONIAN FRONT.

ALLIED PROGRESS REPORTED.

London, March 15.

A French communiqué from Macedonia reports that there is great patrol and artillery activity on the Monastir front.

The Italians have advanced near Hill 1050.

An Austrian attack between Lake Prespa and Lake Mulek was repulsed, the enemy suffering loss and leaving prisoners in our hands.

#### BRITISH LINE ADVANCED.

London, March 15.

Reuter's Correspondent at Headquarters at Salonika reports that the British line south-west of Doiran has been advanced by 1,000 yards over a front of 3,500 yards, bringing their trenches, in places, to within a hundred yards of the enemy's trenches. The operation, including digging themselves in and fixing entanglements was carried out at night-time.

The new line shortens our front by straightening the salient of Horseshoe Hill which was always exposed. Secondly, it strengthens our defences by an extra line of trenches; and thirdly, it facilitates future raids upon the enemy.

#### ITALIAN OPERATIONS IN TRIPOLI.

Rome, March 15.

It is semi-officially announced that the Italians have re-occupied Buzumaz on the west coast of Tripoli.

#### MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE FOR OFFICERS' CHILDREN.

London, March 15.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Foster, Financial Secretary to the War Office, stated that arrangements are being made to enable officers below the rank of Major, and equivalent ranks in the Navy, to obtain a maintenance allowance for their children.

#### FRENCH WAR MINISTER RESIGNS

OBJECTED TO A DEBATE.

"INSULTED THE PARLIAMENT."

Paris, March 15.

General Lyntey, Minister of War, has resigned after a debate on Military Aviation in the Chamber.

General Lyntey, who objected to the debate, refused to discuss the matters raised as being prejudicial to national defence.

The Chamber at first discussed the aviation question in secret, and then publicly considered various resolutions, including one expressing confidence that the Government would secure the closest co-ordination of the various air services and intensify all forms of aerial warfare.

General Lyntey said it would be preferable to await the result of the measures already taken before debating the question and he refused to pursue the subject.

This remark occasioned loud protests that General Lyntey had insulted the Parliament.

The tumult only ceased when the secret session resumed.

General Lyntey was absent from the subsequent public sitting, when M. Briand (Premier) accepted the motion.

The Chamber unanimously voted the resolution already mentioned and it was subsequently announced that General Lyntey had resigned.

#### THE WESTERN FRONT.

ACTIVITY ON FRENCH FRONT.

Paris, March 15.

A French communiqué reports:—

"We carried out a coup-de-main in the region of Moulin-Sous-Tourvent to the east of the Oise and took some prisoners."

Several German attempts on our small posts in the neighbourhood of Vingre, to the west of Navarin, and in the Argonne, failed.

There was fairly active artillery work in the region of Maisons de Charny but no infantry actions.

#### GENERAL VON FALKENHAYN AND STAFF AT TIRLEMONT.

Amsterdam, March 15.

It is learned from an authoritative source that Marshal von Falkenhayn and his Staff have arrived at Tirlemont (near Brussels).

There is much speculation in connection with this.

#### HOLLAND AND DEFENSIVELY MERCHANT SHIPS.

London, March 15.

In the House of Commons, Lord Robert Cecil, Minister of Blockade, evidently speaking in connection with the *Princess Melita* incident, mentioned on March 10th, stated that the Imperial Government is communicating with Holland regarding the refusal to allow a defensively armed British merchantman to use a Dutch port.

#### THE SILVER MARKET.

Silver is quoted at 84½; more freely offered but the market quiet.

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By Order of  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.  
Hongkong, March 6, 1917. 1555

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By Order of  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.  
Hongkong, Feb. 22, 1917. 1553

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General Managers.  
Hongkong, March 8, 1917. 1552

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

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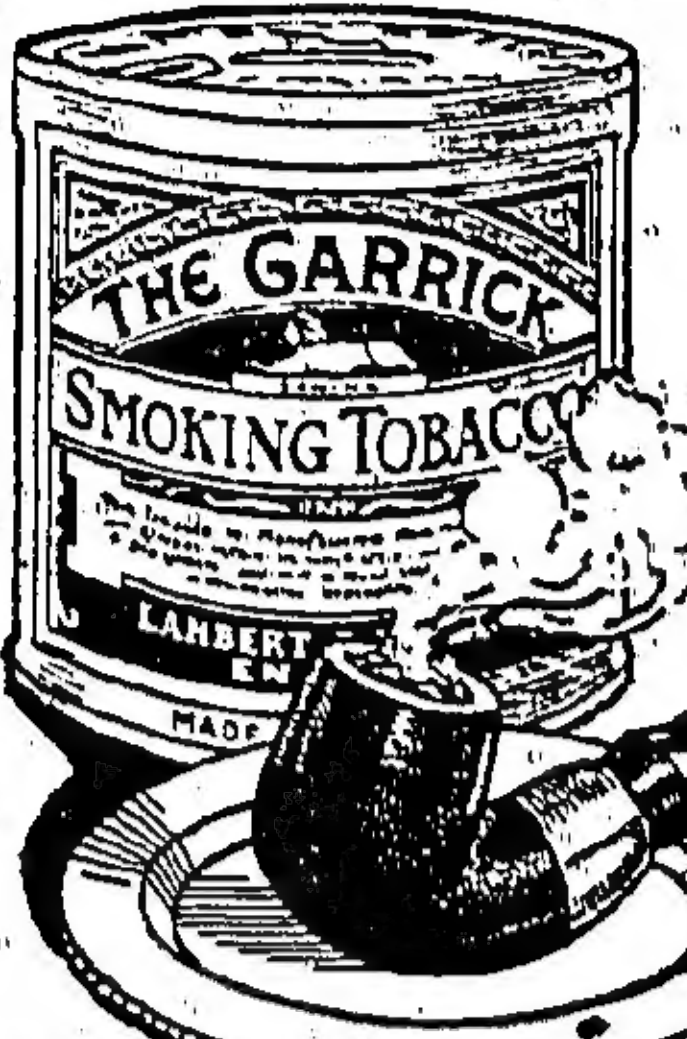
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The *Manchester Guardian*, in a "General Review of an Extraordinary Year" said:—"From the point of view of business profits the year 1916 has been one of the best in living memory. The difficulties have been great, but the monetary reward has been even greater. There is a popular impression, indeed, that we have had nearly as many 'profit years' as business men. The accusation is too sweeping, but it may at all events be said that opportunity has come to most, and that it has not been dissipated. Businessmen previously successful have as a rule been more successful still, and even those which were on the verge of bankruptcy have recovered amazingly, with the result that their proprietors are inquiring as to the incidence of the excess profits duty. To a man, however, they repudiate the suggestion that their gains are 'war profits.' 'Good profits, yes,' they will say, 'but war profits—oh dear no!' By way of clinching the point, they sometimes say they have not had a single Government contract, as if there were not indirect as well as direct benefits from the huge expenditure that is going on and the limitation of competitive output which has been caused."

It was a happy inspiration of the Government to make some thousands of munition works "controlled establishments." A good many people will say that it ought to have been started sooner and proceeded with faster, but Government cannot even in war-time go very much ahead of public opinion, and public opinion on this subject took some time to mature. The great permanent armament firms were early marked down for control, and they accepted it with a good grace. The shareholders' former dividends are virtually guaranteed for the period of the war, and their financial position at the close will be a little better than it was before. The directors and their staffs have gone further, and placed their experience unreservedly at the services of the country. It has been necessary to entrust the making of shells to hundreds of firms who knew nothing whatever about the work, but they have been able to rely upon the active co-operation of the great permanent firms, and that has assured their success. Some of these supplementary munition firms have been engaged upon engines of various kinds, which were not much different from their ordinary work. These, as a rule, were the last to come under control, and as they have had very large outputs, their profits have gone up at a much greater rate than those of the permanent armament companies. The Birmingham district has been particularly prolific in cases of this kind. They have paid big sums as excess profits duty, but they have still been able to distribute dividends of 16 to 25 per cent. and make large provision for future safety.

Shipping companies have almost been rolling in money. With all the German tonnage of the market and a great part of our own engaged in Government work, freights have gone up by leaps and bounds, and in the middle of December, when the Greek ships were out of service, owners could get almost any price for cargo space that they were bold enough to ask. Neutral owners, being free from Government commandeering, made profits such as they had never dreamed of, and many of our own shipowners were not much behind them. Old tubs which could not be run to a profit in peace-time in a few voyages could earn enough to repay the

whole of the money paid for them, inflated as the prices were. The great liners, not being free-lances like the tramp steamers, earned much less profit in proportion, but if the owners had only a moderate proportion of their fleets free for ordinary business they were able to pay handsome dividends. The result of this, very naturally, was that the price of their shares went up considerably. Speculators bought the shares greedily, and until the Government came into power and announced a shipping control policy the speculations were mostly profitable. Since then it has been another story.

Companies which combined coal and iron enterprises gained on every hand. They had great difficulty to amount and their expenses were high, but the profits allowed them, not only before the passing of the Coal Prices Limitation Act, but after, made their reports and balance-sheets very pleasant reading for shareholders who had perhaps suffered loss in other directions. It was the same also in the cases of those companies which confined themselves either to coal or to iron. Engineering companies were nearly all under control, and their profits were restricted by the Munitions Act and the excess profits duty, the Government making it a cardinal point to tax them to the full extent that was allowed by the Act which in particular cases most favoured the Revenue. In every instance, however, they were allowed a margin over previous profits, and by increasing their output they had no difficulty in improving their balance-sheets.

The textile trades have been no exception to the rule. There are no means of knowing how much the woollen mills have earned, but until lately there can be no doubt that the army cloth orders received from all the Allied Governments yielded considerable profit. In the cotton industry there are so many limited companies that it is easy to see what the state of events is. A year or two ago debit balances were somewhat painfully frequent, but in 1916 it was quite a surprise if a company which had no debit clear off paid less than 10 per cent. Some of these companies, moreover, make provision in prosperous times for the rainy day when the last depression came, dividends being paid from reserves in spite of the accounts showing losses.

Nearly all other industries have very much the same record, but that of the brewery companies is different. They expected nothing whatever, except that with a little luck they might be able to survive the period of the war. Beer was heavily taxed, public-houses had their hours of opening reduced, and finally the output of beer was compulsorily restricted. But there was a surprise in store for many of these companies, and particularly for those in busy industrial centres. Prices were raised and beer was heavily watered, but the liquor sold readily, and if it had not been for the restriction on the output the consumption would very nearly have reached that of 1915. Some brewery companies formed the impression that trade would fall off in the winter and that they had better sell while they could. These have found since that it was a mistake, and they have had to stop their domestic trade absolutely, in order that their tied houses might be kept going. Expenses have been heavy, but in spite of that and the other handicaps mentioned profits came in continuously, and some of the companies, including one in Manchester, have been able to increase their dividends. Nearly all have, in fact, equalled the previous year's profits, and large concerns have even increased them.

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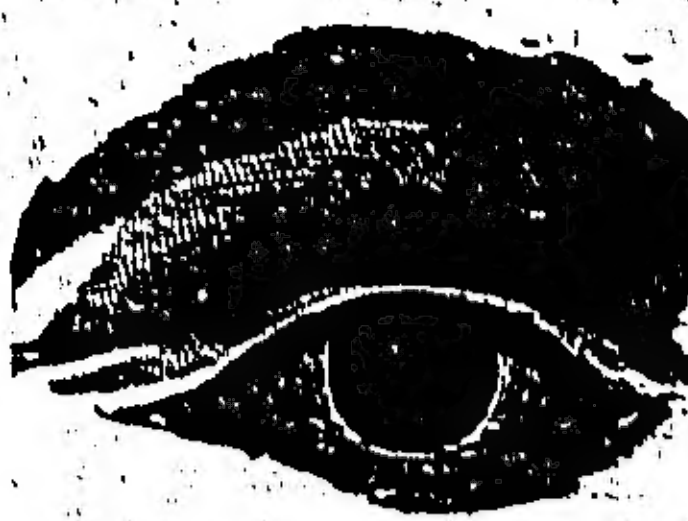
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DOCK NO. 1	279	100	12	7	7
DOCK NO. 2	279	100	12	7	7
DOCK NO. 3	279	100	12	7	7
DOCK NO. 4	279	100	12	7	7
DOCK NO. 5	279	100	12	7	7
DOCK NO. 6	279	100	12	7	7
DOCK NO. 7	279	100	12	7	7
DOCK NO. 8	279	100	12	7	7
DOCK NO. 9	279	100	12	7	7
DOCK NO. 10	279	100	12	7	7
DOCK NO. 11	279	100	12	7	7
DOCK NO. 12	279	100	12	7	7
DOCK NO. 13	279	100	12	7	7
DOCK NO. 14	279	100	12	7	7
DOCK NO. 15	279	100	12	7	7
DOCK NO. 16	279	100	12	7	7
DOCK NO. 17	279	100	12	7	7
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Hongkong, March 16, 1917. 1581

## HONGKONG CLUB.

## NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-FIRST YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HONGKONG CLUB will be held in the CLUB HOUSE on THURSDAY, the 29th March, 1917, at 5.30 p.m.

By Order,

E. DES VOEUX,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, Mar 16, 1917. 1583

## HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## CHINESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL.

A CLASS for "BEGINNERS" will commence on MONDAY, 2nd April, 1917.  
Application for enrolment should be made to the Undersecretary as early as possible.

By Order,

E. A. M. WILLIAMS,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 16, 1917. 1582

## HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held on MONDAY, the 26th March, 1917, at 4 p.m. in the CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ROOM, NEW GOVERNMENT BUILDING, for the following purposes—

- (1) To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1916.
- (2) To elect a New Committee.
- (3) To transact any General Business.

By Order,

E. A. M. WILLIAMS,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 16, 1917. 1584

## HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

NOTICE of a SPECIAL EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE immediately after the Annual Meeting, to be held on MONDAY, the 26th March, 1917, at 4 p.m. in the CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ROOM, NEW GOVERNMENT BUILDING.

A desire has been expressed that the following resolution shall be put—  
"That Clause 6 of the Rules and Regulations of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce should be amended by the insertion of the word 'British' between the word 'and' and the word 'members' in the first line thereof."

By Order,

E. A. M. WILLIAMS,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 16, 1917. 1583

## THE CALENDAR.

## MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

St. Patrick's Day.  
10.30 a.m.—Auction of Brassware at Messrs. Hughes and Houghs.  
10.30 a.m.—Auction of Table Cloths, Dress Materials, Boots, and Shoes, etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Houghs.  
4.30 p.m.—Matinee by Bandmann Opera Co. in aid of Entertainment Fund for men of H. M. Services.  
Dance at "Kingsclere".

## General Memoranda.

Monday, March 19:—

Police Reserve Orchestra at Government House.

4.30 p.m.—Launching of the s.s. "Kwai-sang" at Kowloon Dock.

8.15 p.m.—Opening Performance of "The Merry Widow" at Kowloon.

Wednesday, March 21:—

St. Paul's College Athletic Sports on Race Course, Happy Valley.

Monday, March 26:—

4 p.m.—Annual General Meeting of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

army which fell back from Kut on Bagdad, and is now continuing its flight to Mosul. There are, we imagine, still more sensational developments to be expected in this theatre of the war in the course of a few weeks.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-morrow is St. Patrick's Day.

Our readers are reminded of the matinee by the Bandmann Opera Company to-morrow afternoon in aid of a fund for the men in H. M. Services.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending 3rd March, 1917, amounted to 62,507 tons and the sales during the period to 60,274 tons.

Referring to our report of the "Forged Cheque" case at the Magistracy yesterday, we have been asked to mention that the first and third defendants are not sorters, but merely postmen.

## THE RUSSIAN ADVANCE FROM PERSIA.

The capture of Hamadan and also the capture of Kermanshah are announcements which have figured in the war news before General BARATOFF marched from Teheran westward on Hamadan at the end of 1915, and hoisted the Russian flag at Hamadan on December 15th, 1915. After heavy fighting he took Kangavar on January 15th, 1916, but the Turks and their Persian allies, advancing from Kermanshah, recaptured Kangavar and held it for a month. Then General BARATOFF was reinforced and again advanced, having meanwhile seized Sulthanabad on his left wing, and again took Kangavar, and after a series of engagements he drove a "horde of Germans, Austrians and Turks, and the Persian gendarmes, headed by Nationalist M.P.'s out of Kermanshah, their stronghold after forcing the Sakhu Passes." General BARATOFF then proceeded towards Bagdad, and on May 9 took Kasr-i-Shirin, after a battle that lasted sixteen hours. On May 21st he attacked the enemy at Khanikan, further on towards the Diale river, but "a body of Turks just set free by the fall of Kut came to the rescue" and General BARATOFF retired until in August last year he had yielded the whole of the territory back to and including Hamadan. The great British success on the Tigris this year has enabled the Russians to advance again and to recapture the whole of the territory they had yielded. A point of interest in the cable relating to the recapture of Kermanshah is that a two days' battle was fought. This indicates the presence of a large Turkish force in that region. Kermanshah is about eighty or ninety miles east of Bagdad, and Khanikan, where we may next expect to hear of the Russians, is on the caravan route from Bagdad to Persia. The rout of the Turks by the British from Kut right up to and beyond Bagdad, has put it beyond the power of the Turks to compel the Russians to retire a second time. The new offensive of the Russians, begun at Hamadan simultaneously with the renewed British offensive on the Tigris, kept the Turkish army well divided, and made a splendid success by both the British and the Russian armies possible. From the meagre news in the telegrams concerning the Russian success, it would appear that the Turkish Army which the Russians defeated at Hamadan split in two, one force going north towards Sakis and Lake Urmiah, and the other towards Kermanshah, in the direction of Bagdad. A glance at the map suggests the possibility of this latter force being driven in upon the British Army at Bagdad and destroyed, while the rate at which the Russians have pursued the fleeing Turks towards Sakis suggests that the Turkish retreat in that direction has been a rout similar to that of the

## THE MAGISTRACY.

## A DOG THAT ALWAYS CAME BACK.

Mr. A. Brown, of No. 27, Pottinger Street, appeared before Mr. Melbourne this morning in answer to a charge of keeping a dog without a license.

The defendant pleaded not guilty to the offence, stating that the dog did not belong to him.

His Worship: How long have you had the dog?

Defendant: About two months.

His Worship remarked he thought two months' rather a long time to keep the dog.

The defendant replied, "I have sent the dog away time and time again, but it always comes back."

Sergeant Pitt, then stated that upon being summoned the defendant immediately procured a license.

The Magistrate imposed a fine of one dollar.

## A D.W.D. PROSECUTION.

Mr. Edwards, overseer of the Public Works Department, charged a Chinese this morning in Mr. Melbourne's Court with installing a stove in the basement kitchen of his premises without notifying the Public Works Department.

The defendant, who was represented by Mr. Gardiner, pleaded guilty to the charge.

After hearing the case his Worship imposed a fine of five dollars and ordered the stove to be removed.

## AN EXPENSIVE BOWL OF RICE.

When the case in which fourteen alleged gamblers, charged with playing Pai Kau, came before Mr. Melbourne this morning, three of the defendants failed to appear in Court.

Mr. Haywood, who appeared as solicitor for the defence, pleaded guilty on behalf of his clients.

Evidence was taken and each defendant was fined two dollars, and \$24.50, found on the gaming table, was ordered to be confiscated.

Immediately after the fines had been imposed one of the absentees appeared in Court. When asked by the Magistrate why he had failed to be punctual the defendant replied he had just finished his bowl of rice.

His Worship remarked that he did not want the man to get indigestion but stated that his bail of \$25 must stand forfeited.

## LARCENY BY A BOY.

In Mr. Melbourne's Court this morning a boy named John Adams, age 18 years, pleaded guilty to the charge of stealing \$150 in U.S.A. bank notes from aboard the s.s. Yuan Sang.

It appeared that after the theft the boy changed the notes into local currency at a money changer's in Wanchai. He then went to the Sincere Company store and purchased one toy motor car at \$15, one scooter at \$4.50, one jacket at \$9.50 and a boiler suit at four dollars. When arrested, \$182.10 of the stolen money was found still in his possession.

Detective-Sergeant Cockle informed the Magistrate that the boy had given the Police considerable trouble as he had committed a number of larcenies during the past two years.

"The boy's father has given him thrashing after thrashing," said Sergeant Cockle, "but it does no good, as he merely tells his father to thrash him again."

The Sergeant then stated that he had been instructed to ask that the boy be thrashed and sent to the detention barracks in the hope that it would influence his future conduct.

After hearing the case, his Worship sentenced the boy to twelve strokes of the birch.

## CLAIM AGAINST A POLICE SERGEANT.

In the Summary Court this morning before Mr. Justice Gompertz, the case in which W. Cooper charges Sergeant John Mc. D. Tullock with assault and battery and claims \$1,000 damages, was called. Mr. Goldring appearing for the plaintiff, asked for an adjournment.

Mr. Goldring said that he was arranging to obtain evidence from a man named Hall, who was now in Shanghai.

His Lordship granted an adjournment for one week.

## COMPANY REPORTS.

## GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED.

The report for presentation to the shareholders at the twenty-eighth Ordinary General meeting of the Company is as follows:—

The Board of Directors have now to lay before the shareholders a Statement of Accounts, and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1916.

The Gross Profit for the year is \$610,150.90

The amount brought forward from the previous year... 409,213.95

Total... \$719,364.85

After allowing for Directors' and Auditors' fees \$5,600.00

Writing off for depreciation on the Company's Buildings, Machinery, Steamers, Launches, Lighters, &c., as per Articles of Association \$8,750.00 91,350.08

The Balance to be dealt with is \$623,014.78

which it is recommended should be applied as follows:—

To write off Deep Water Bay Buildings and Machinery, an additional \$20,000.00

To write off Steamers, Launches and Lighters, an additional 10,000.00

To pay a dividend of 80 cents per share 320,000.00

To pay a bonus to Staff 13,636.39

To place to Reserve Fund 150,000.00

and carry forward to the credit of next year's account 114,328.49

\$ 623,014.78

Directors.—Since the last Annual Meeting Messrs. Bonnar, Craddock and Landale resigned and the Very Revd. Father Robert, Mr. A. Q. Long and the Hon. Mr. C. E. Anton were invited to fill the vacancies.

In accordance with section 12 (14) of the Articles of Association the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Dr. J. W. Noble, Hon. Mr. C. E. Anton, Very Revd. Father Robert and Mr. A. Q. Long retire, and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. F. Maitland and A. R. Lowe who are eligible for re-appointment.

C. E. ANTON, Directors.  
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 13th March, 1917.

## SHANGHAI TUG AND LIGHTER CO., LIMITED.

At the annual meeting of Shareholders last week the Chairman in the course of his speech said: "The sum available for distribution after having written off for Depreciation Tls. 29,541.21, is Tls. 156,158.15, which we recommend should be dealt with as follows:—

Tls. 35,000.00

Pay a dividend of 7 per cent. on Preference Shares 35,000.00

Pay a dividend of 8 per cent. on Ordinary Shares 40,000.00

Place to General Reserve 50,000.00

Carry forward to new account 31,158.15

which we trust will meet with your approval.

Some of the Shareholders, I know, think that we should have recommended a larger dividend on the Ordinary Shares, but after considering carefully the present and future condition of the Home Shipping Trade during the continuance of the War, we thought it best to recommend the same dividend as paid last year, and place to a General Reserve, Fund Tls. 50,000, which would be available for the payment or Equalization of Dividends or any other purpose the Directors may decide in the interests of the Company."

## THE AUDITORS' REPORT.

The Chairman mentioned that his attention had been called to the fact that the report of the auditors should be read at the meeting. He, himself, did not think it was necessary to do so, as it had not been read at previous meetings, and it appeared as usual in the printed report and statement of accounts. He would, however, ask the opinion of Mr. Mathews on the point.

Mr. P. N. Mathews, representing the company's auditors (Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Mathews) said his opinion was that the report should be read, and the Chairman thereupon proceeded to read it.

Sir William Adamson, Kt., C.M.G., whose death is announced in a cable to-day, was a merchant of the Straits Settlements and on several occasions was a member of the Legislative Council of that Colony. He was decorated for his public services in connection with the Straits Settlements. Sir William Adamson was also a Director of the P. and O. Company.

## RUB IT IN.

A good many people think rheumatism can not be cured without taking nauseous medicine. Chamberlain's Pain Balm massaged thoroughly into the skin has cured far more rheumatism than any internal remedy in existence and gives relief quicker. For sale by all Chemists and Druggists.

## THE YANGTSEPOO COTTON

## MILL, LTD.

## ANNUAL MEETING.

The second ordinary meeting of shareholders of the Yangtsepo Cotton Mill, Ltd., was held on March 8th, at the offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., Shanghai.

Mr. John Johnstone presided, and there were also present—Messrs. C. Gordon Mackie, R. McE. Dalgleish, W. Sing-shu and Pan Ching-woo (members of the Consulting Committee), A. Brooke Smith (Secretary), J. J. Dunne, G. F. Forster, R. S. Piercy, Kee Quan-yuen, P. M. R. Lake, P. J. Burdett and C. G. M. Bernard, representing 121,425 shares.

The notice calling the meeting and the Auditors' report having been read, the Chairman addressed the meeting as follows:—

Gentlemen.—With your permission, I propose to take the report and accounts, which have been in your hands for some days, as read.

I regret that the result of the year's working has been so unsatisfactory, and that we are not even able to liquidate our liability to the preference shareholders.

As you are aware, the dividend on the preference shares is cumulative, and I venture to hope that next year we shall be in a position to pay the 14 per cent. that will then be due on them.

Although it is not possible to make any return to the shareholders, it should be some satisfaction to them to know that we are depreciating our properties on sound lines. We propose writing off brick buildings 5 per cent., reinforced concrete buildings 2 per cent., plant and machinery 6 per cent., foresters' buildings 20 per cent., furniture 10 per cent. and motor cars 15 per cent.

Tls. 10,000 will again be written off demolished buildings and an effort will be made to wipe off the balance of Tls. 9,728 next year.

From the report and accounts it will be seen that the general managers have waived their commission of Tls. 6,425.59.

The profit for the twelve months was Tls. 64,235.00, which, with the amount of Tls. 23,361.00 fortunately brought forward from the previous year, enables us to provide for the depreciation I have already alluded to, and carry forward Tls. 5,620.15.

We had much to contend with during the past year—in the early months a very poor demand for yarn and cloth and during the greater part of the twelve months advancing exchange, which enabled competitors in Japan and India to keep prices at a comparatively low level in spite of the important rise in cotton.

As regards our products, we found it difficult to obtain outlets for our gradually increasing output from January to June, and it was not until after the death of Yuan Shih-kai that we were able to realize a small margin of profit and work with reasonable stocks.

The poor cotton crop in this district last season further accentuated our troubles, local grades being comparatively dear; this necessitated the importation of large quantities of Indian cotton, the spinning of which, owing to import duty, places us in an unfavourable position as compared with mills in Japan.

Our working costs were high, owing to abnormal advances in all stores, and we can expect little relief in this respect while present conditions last.

The expenditure in interest was Tls. 60,446.25, and future years will also see a large outlay, as, owing to the purchase of the weaving plant, practically the whole of our working capital is borrowed from the general managers at bank rate of interest.

During the greater part of the year we had the whole of our spindles in operation, and I am pleased to say that our yarns have earned a very satisfactory reputation.

Owing to delay in shipment of the 300 looms ordered from home, the average number of looms worked during the year was only 291.

At date we have 415 looms in operation and you will be glad to know that our cloths are realizing as good prices as those of any of our competitors.

From the accounts you will observe that during the year we spent Tls. 112,839.02 on machinery—of this amount Tls. 83,837.91 was on account of the weaving plant—the balance being for additional preparation machinery and doubling frames for the spinning plant.

As regards the future, I should like to say that the statistical position is healthy and that we have made a much better start than last year. While margins on yarn and cloth leave something to be desired, we are experiencing a good consumptive demand, and, provided there are no further political troubles in this country, we should do nicely, as this season's crop of China cotton appears to be sufficient for the needs of the industry, and is being marketed at comparatively reasonable rates.

For some years, we have from time to time heard rumours of the revision of the customs tariff, and it is to be hoped that when the duties on imports are altered the mills in this country reasonable protection in the matter of taxation.

That the cotton mill industry in China requires protection and encouragement from the Government is clearly shown by the poor showing of many of the China mills for the past year, although similar concerns in Japan have reaped extraordinary profits.

I think I have touched on all the points that will interest you, Sir, if shareholders wish to ask questions I shall be pleased to answer them to the best of my ability.

No questions were asked, and the report and accounts, as circulated, were adopted on the proposal of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Mackie.

The members of the Consulting Committee, Messrs. Johnstone, Mackie, Dalgleish, W. Sing-shu and Pan Ching-woo, were re-elected on a motion by Mr. Burdett seconded by Capt. Lake.

On the proposal of Mr. Forster seconded by Mr. Burdett, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Mathews were re-elected auditors at a remuneration of Tls. 750 per annum.

This was all the business of the meeting.

## CIGARETTE AND TOBACCO FUND.

The following is the subscription list to date:—

Acknowledged to 15th February, 1917. \$18,770.25

Since Received:—

Kowloon Customs Staff, open Mr. C. D. Gander 20.00

Mr. E. G. Becke, Whampoa, for February 20.00

special contribution 50.00

M.S.S. (March sub.) 5.00

Rev. "S.C. Morning Post," contributions from the Kowloon Bowling Green Club: 10% from Club's Derby Sweep 32.10

P.L.F. 10.00

F.K. 5.00

Collected by Mrs. Arthur (List No. 4):—

The Old Kings 25.00

Four of Clubs 25.00

C.F. 15.00

M.C.B.S. 13.00

G.T.F. T.J.F. B.S.N. 13.00

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A.G.G. A.S. A.E.G. 13.00

J.G. A. and G. T.A.L. 13.00

at \$5.00 120.00

A.D. 4.15

J.H.R. E.A. J.B. F.B. 27.00

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G.M.S. H.H. at \$3.00 27.00

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A.R.A. W.E. J.R.K. J.D. 13.00

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C.H.D. R.G.H. R.J.B. 13.00

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## TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

## THE SITUATION IN GERMANY.

## BECOMING DAILY MORE DESPERATE.

LONDON, March 15. Reuter is informed that dispatches have just been received in London from an unimpeachable source indicating that the situation in Germany is becoming "daily more desperate." The position is depicted as the blackest.

## WAR EXPENDITURE.

## ENORMOUS FIGURES.

LONDON, March 15. In the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar Law, introducing the supplementary vote of credit for £84,000,000 in respect of the financial year ending March 31, said that it included the payment of £18,000,000 to the Australian Government for wheat, which payment the Treasury had expected to make in the next financial year, and also £23,000,000 in advance to the Allies and the Dominions. This did not mean that such advances were going to be bigger than was anticipated; they were simply paying money now instead of next financial year. Munitions and shipping—the controller's acquisition of additional ships—accounted for the balance of £23,000,000. With regard to munitions Mr. Bonar Law pointed out that the necessity for payment now was a satisfactory indication that deliveries were being made more rapidly, than those of the past, on which the Treasury had based its estimates. He said that time payment was not desirable as it would indicate the respective amounts allotted to munitions and shipping, but arrangements regarding ships had also been concluded earlier than was anticipated.

The total of the votes of credit for the financial year would thus be £2,010,000,000 and the total since the year began, not including the vote already made in respect of next year, was £3,792,000,000.

## BRITISH TRADE IN FEBRUARY.

## LARGE INCREASES IN EXPORTS AND IMPORTS.

The increase in exports is £351,704 and in imports £3,612,322, as compared with the figures for February last year.

## THE SINKING OF THE "ALCONQUIN."

## GERMAN PIRATES HAUL DOWN AMERICAN FLAG.

LONDON, March 14. The German pirates hauled down the Alconquin's flag before sinking her, and jeered at the men in the boats. When the latter asked to be towed, the pirates replied that they were "too busy."

## THE DARDANELLES COMMISSION REPORT.

## MR. ASQUITH TO MAKE A STATEMENT.

LONDON, March 15. In the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar Law, announced that Mr. Asquith will make a statement in connection with the Dardanelles Commission Report, on March 20. A small Government Committee including Mr. Asquith are at present considering the enclosed portions of the report with a view to publication.

## THE MAD CONSPIRACY TO "INVADE INDIA."

LONDON, March 13. Gupta, a Hindu student of the Columbia University, has been released on bail of G. \$5,000. He is charged with conspiring with Captain von Papen to organize a military expedition against India. It is stated that Captain von Papen paid Gupta a huge sum to go to Japan in connection with the project.

## EXPORT OF COTTON FROM UNITED KINGDOM PROHIBITED.

LONDON, March 13. The Foreign Office has informed the Liverpool Cotton Association that the Government has decided to prohibit the export of cotton from the United Kingdom, except under licence.

LATER. It is pointed out that the prohibition of the export of raw cotton, which is intended to save tonnage, will cause a suspension of re-exports of Egyptian cotton to the United States, which amounted to 87,374 bales out of 15,033 bales exported during the ten weeks ending March 8th.

## REDUCED HOP CULTIVATION REQUESTED. POTATOES AND VEGETABLES TO BE SUBSTITUTED.

PARIS, March 15. The Press Bureau announces that Mr. R. E. Prothorn, President of the Board of Agriculture, has circulated the hop growers recommending a reduction by one half of the acreage devoted to hops, which will be sufficient for the year's brewing, and substitute potatoes and vegetables.

## TEA AND COFFEE.

LONDON, March 13. Mr. Bathurst stated that Lord Devonport, the Food Controller, is consulting the leading representatives of the Tea, Coffee and Cocoa trades with a view to securing their distribution at fair prices.

## SIR ERNEST SHACKLETON IN LONDON.

LONDON, March 13. Sir Ernest Shackleton has arrived. He says he is going to the front.

## OBITUARY.

LONDON, March 13. The deaths are announced of Sir George Chetwynd and Sir William Adamson.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

## THE BRITISH ADVANCE RESUMED.

LONDON, March 15. Reuter's correspondent at British Headquarters, writing on March 14th, says: The British advance, which was resumed on a front of four miles west of Bapaume on Monday, resulted in a further development of open warfare. The strong screen of rearguards covering the German retreat avoided action as much as possible.

The British are now entering the undulating green wooded country, a most marked contrast against the brown dreariness they have faced all the winter.

## GERMAN'S LEAVE VILLAGES PRACTICALLY INTACT.

The condition of the villages testifies to the hurry of the enemy's departure. Greivillers was largely intact and in Miramont many houses were undamaged.

One of the most amazing spectacles of the advance is the roads and railways creeping up under the hands of myriads of workers. The accompaniment with which guns and munitions were brought up was most disconcerting to the Germans. The latter abandoned much munitions and supplies; but the wines and cigars found in the dugouts were regarded with suspicion after former experience of the dark ways of the Hun.

## BRITISH CONTINUE TO PRESS FORWARD.

LATER. Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports: Our line has advanced on a mile and a half frontage south-westward and westward of Bapaume, and has progressed on a 2,000 yards frontage southward of Achiet-le-Petit.

We occupied a thousand yards of trench south-westward of Eszarts, which is north-eastward of Gommeourt. We raided trenches eastward of Armentieres and effectively bombarded positions northwards of the Somme and eastward of Arras. Two explosions were caused.

## CONTINUED FRENCH PROGRESS.

LONDON, March 15. A French communiqué reports: We continued our progress by bombing in the region of Maisons-de-Campanne, notwithstanding furious enemy bombardment with tear shells.

## SUBMARINISM.

## WEEKLY REPORTS.

LONDON, March 14. The Admiralty reports that the arrivals for the week numbered 1,985 and the sailings 1,959. The sinkings were: Ships of 1,600 tons and upwards, 13. Under 1,600 tons, 4. Unsuccessfully attacked, 16. Fishing vessels sunk, 3. A merchantman, under 1,600 tons, reported last week as sunk, has since been towed in.

PARIS, March 15. It is officially stated that the arrivals at French ports for the week ending March 11 numbered 707, exclusive of coasters and fishing vessels. The sinkings numbered two.

## THE FALL OF BAGDAD.

## H. M. THE KING ACKNOWLEDGES CONGRATULATIONS.

LONDON, March 14. The Press Bureau announces that the King, acknowledging the congratulations from Allied Sovereigns and Heads of States concerning the capture of Bagdad, expresses his confident belief that the success and the advances of the Allies mark another stage on the sure road to victory.

## THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

## LANCASHIRE'S AMENDMENT REJECTED.

LONDON, March 14. The House of Commons debated the resolution authorising the acceptance of India's war contribution of £100,000,000 sterling, and the Lancashire amendment opposing the increase of the Indian cotton duties arising out of the resolution.

Mr. Chamberlain dwelt on the splendid part India has played in all theatres of the war. Mr. Asquith moved, as an addendum to the Government motion, that the increase be reconsidered after the war in connection with the fiscal relationships of the Empire.

Mr. Lloyd George accepted this addendum. The motion as amended was unanimously adopted, amid cheers, after the Lancashire amendment had been rejected by 265 to 125.

The minority consisted of the Lancastrians, Nationalists and some Labourites. The House of Lords agreed to the Government resolution accepting India's war contribution. Lord Selouschup withdrew his amendment in favour of a postponement of consideration of the question until after the war upon the Government undertaking to review the matter after the war.

## RUSSIAN DUMA SUSPENDED.

PETROGRAD, March 12. Imperial ukases suspend the Duma and Council of Empire from 11th March to April at the latest according to circumstances.

## DEATH OF THE DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT.

LONDON, March 14. The death is announced of H.R.H. the Duchess of Connaught. [The Duchess was born on 25th July 1860, and married on 13th March, 1875. Before her marriage she was Princess Louise Margaret Alexandra Victoria, daughter of Prince Frederick Charles of Prussia.]

## HONGKONG VOLUNTEER RESERVES.

Major Hakeman, Commanding H.K.V.R.

Hongkong, 18th March, 1917.

SUNDAY'S PARADE FOR FIELD PRACTICES. "A" Company Platoons 1 and 2 on the Cricket Ground at 8.15 a.m. Platoons 3 and 4 on the Cricket Ground at 9.45 a.m. Residents at Kowloon City Pier at 9.45 a.m. and 10.15 a.m. respectively. Including all exempted members, Signallers and members of Machine Gun Section. Dress, light marching order—Haversacks (with food) Waterbottles (filled) Belts and Pouches—Topsies will be worn. Each man will bring with him 20 rounds of ball ammunition in clips. All officers and N.C.O.s. will carry field glasses. Greatcoats will be worn over equipment and left on the launch at Kowloon City. Signallers in "B" Coy. will parade as detailed by the Signalling Sergeant for Signalling and telephone work.

## LOST GERMAN TERRITORY.

Germany has lost all her colonies except one (German East Africa), and that vast territory will soon be in possession of the British forces, who are fighting there. The following are the areas in square miles of her lost possessions:

S.W. Africa	352,650
Cameroons	300,000
Togoland	37,700
Pacific Colonies	94,640
Kiaochow	200
Total	785,190

The area of German East Africa is 364,180 square miles. The German Empire Europe comprises 398,780 square miles of territory.

## CHINA AND THE WAR.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## GERMANY'S REPLY TO CHINA'S PROTEST.

PEKING, March 14. Germany's reply to the Chinese anti-submarine protest was delivered just prior to the rupture of relations. It was couched in flattering terms and expressed surprise at China's attitude, because she has no shipping interests in the submarine zone. Germany said she would treat the threat of a rupture as if it had not been made.

## GERMAN SHIPS IN CHINA.

LONDON, March 14. There are thirteen German ships, totalling 35,000 tons, in Chinese ports.

## (Wah Tai Yat Po's Service.)

## DEMARK TO TAKE CHARGE OF CHINESE INTERESTS.

PEKING, March 15. The Chinese Minister at Berlin (Ngan Kai Hing) has telegraphed to the Government that the Danish Legation in Berlin will look after Chinese interests in Germany.

## RUMOUR OF DETENTION OF CHINESE MINISTER.

It is rumoured that the Minister has been detained by the German Government pending the German Minister's safe departure from China.

## THE NOTE TO GERMAN MINISTER.

The Central Government, at noon yesterday, handed to the German Minister the formal Note, severing relations. The Note states that the Chinese Government, with the object of maintaining the peace of the world and international law sent a Note of protest to Germany on February 9th and declared in it that if Germany ignored the protest, China would be compelled to sever relations. Since that date one month had elapsed. Germany had ignored the protest and continued to prosecute submarine warfare as before, with the result that Chinese lives and Chinese property have been lost.

Although in her reply on March 10th Germany declared her willingness to open negotiations and adopt means to protect Chinese lives and property, she would not agree to modify her submarine policy. This did not accord with China's object in sending the protest, and China, therefore, is compelled to announce the severance of relations with Germany. "Here-with," the Note concludes, "We hand you passports for your family and yourself. Passports for the German Consuls in China will be sent them by the Foreign Office."

CONSULTATIONS WITH ENTENTE MINISTERS. In response to Dr. Wu Ting Fang's request, the Entente Ministers called at the Foreign Office yesterday afternoon. The Neutral Ministers also called subsequently.

The object of the calls was to discuss matters relating to the severance of relations with Germany.

DR. WU TING FANG WITHDRAWS HIS RESIGNATION. PEKING, March 15. Dr. Wu Ting Fang who has been on sick leave for more than a month resumed duty on March 13th and has promised to temporarily withdraw his resignation.

EXPENSES OF THE REVOLUTION. A BIG DEMAND. PEKING, March 15. Shiun Chua Hsin has demanded \$2,000,000 to meet revolutionary expenses. This matter has been referred to the Cabinet.

## THE DYING ADMINISTRATOR.

The London correspondent of the Manchester Guardian on Lord Cromer, sketches "the dying administrator keeping the documents relating to the Dardanelles Commission by his bedside and turning to them continually in moments of consciousness," and adds: "He made it a rule to reply to letters by return of post."

"I remember," an informant says, "a prophecy Cromer made at the time of Mr. Lloyd George's famous Budget: 'I may not live long enough to see it, but mark my words, Germany will make war before 1918.'"

"He also used to prophesy that Mr. Lloyd George would become leader of the Tariff Reform party, and Mr. Winston Churchill leader of the Free Traders."

## TROUBLE AVERTED.

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## FOXES AND FOWLS.

SPORT THAT COSTS ENGLAND MILLIONS A YEAR.

"The Fox Controller has decided to stop the feeding of game. This is a wise step," writes "the Daily Chronicle," "as it will prevent much waste; but, taking into consideration that game so fed is available for human consumption, the waste incurred is a mere flea bite compared with the drain on the nation's food by the upkeep of fox hunting."

"The feeding of many thousands of fox-hounds occasions an enormous waste of food, mostly oatmeal; but the great waste in connection with fox hunting is occasioned by the enormous destruction of wild rabbits and tame poultry."

"Even this aspect of the waste, although very considerable and unwarrantable at such times as these, is infinitesimal compared with the loss to the nation by the discouraging of the keeping of poultry on a large scale, by all farmers and cottagers. This runs into many millions a year and is the real cause of our having to import such an enormous quantity of eggs and poultry from abroad. A farmer who interferes in any way whatever with the sport of fox hunting is practically ostracised, and neither he nor any of his family stand the chance of getting a farm if there is one to let, and the same applies to applicants for small holdings."

## ON SALISBURY PLAIN.

"The loss to farmers caused by fox hunting through having their gates left open, with consequential straying of cattle, and the breaking down of their fences, is very discouraging, to say nothing of the damage they do to breeding ewes and now that labour is so scarce it makes the farmers' position much more difficult."

"After the war we shall have a taxation of something like £200,000,000 a year, and the farmers will have to pay their share. Nothing would be as great a help to British agriculture as the abolition of fox hunting in the highly farmed districts of England. It ought to be carried on on a smaller scale where there is more land, such as Salisbury Plain, the Yorkshire moors, and other places where they cannot interfere with the keeping of poultry and successful farming in other respects and where the devotees of fox hunting would have to maintain their own foxes."

## ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

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## PUBLIC VACCINATORS.

It is notified if the Hongkong Government Gazette of March 16th, 1917, that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint, under Section 3 of the Vaccination Ordinance, 1890 (Ordinance No. 2 of 1890) the following Members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade to be Public Vaccinators:—Lo Cheung-ki, Colin Mackenzie, Percy Edwards, So Shiu-on, Seto Chung, Wei Kan, Lo Kwok-fai, Fung Tung, Poon Yun-sang, Poon Yew-wai, Poon Sai Ho, Ho Hoi-lung, Wong Fa, Chiu Fu-sang, Au Hon-kwong, Ching Yew, Chong Sing, chung, Chan Wang, Ho Leison, Tse Ming-yun, Lung Wing-cho.

CANTON COSMETIC. All members who formed part of this Contingent will parade in Queen's College Quadrangle on Sunday, 18th inst. 10 a.m. Dress—Helmets, shorts, puttees, haversacks, waterbottles, great coats (rolled), caps carried in haversacks. T.M.C.A. DIVISION.

Tuesday, 20th inst. 8 p.m.—First Aid Lecture. 9 p.m.—Company and Stretcher Drill. Thursday, 22nd inst. 8 p.m.—First Aid, Practical Work—Lance Corporal Sz To Chung will take charge. 9 p.m.—Company and Stretcher Drill. Public Vaccination at Head Quarters daily from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. Private Fun Yun-fang in charge.

SALISBURY DIVISION. Sunday, 18th inst.—A Sergeant and 18 men will parade with the Hongkong Volunteer Reserves on Sunday, the 18th inst. Fall in on the Cricket Ground at 8.15 a.m. Dress—Helmets, shorts, puttees, haversacks (filled), waterbottles (filled), great coats (rolled). Relations should be carried in haversacks. Six stretchers to be provided. Wednesday, 21st inst. 8 p.m.—Company and Stretcher Drill. Saturday, 24th inst.—All members will parade with the Hongkong Volunteer Reserves on Saturday, the 24th inst. Fall in on the Cricket Ground at 8 p.m. Dress—Helmets, shorts, puttees, greatcoats (rolled), haversacks (filled) waterbottles (filled). Six stretchers to be provided.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE DIVISION. Tuesday, 20th inst. 4.15 p.m.—Company and Stretcher Drill. Friday, 23rd inst. 4.15 p.m.—Company and Stretcher Drill. Monday, 19th inst. 5.15 p.m.—Stretcher Drill. Friday, 23rd inst. 5.15 p.m.—Company Drill. (Sd.) E. RALPHS, Officer in Charge of District.

## HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

## STANDING ORDERS.

The following is to be inserted on page 3 of the Standing Order Book:—(1a). All Current Orders which in any way add to, explain, alter or cancel any of the Regulations and Standing Orders herein contained must be signed by the Officer in Charge of the District and be countersigned by the appropriate page.

A printed slip containing all additions and amendments made since September 1916, is in course of preparation and will be issued to all ranks.

Monday, March 19th, and Wednesday, March 21st.—All Recruits except No. 2 Company.

Tuesday, March 20th, and Friday, March 23rd.—No. 2 Company Recruits' Battalion.

Monday, 19th inst. 8.15 p.m.—Recruits of all units at Headquarters under Corp'l Edgcombe and Corp'l Grimes.

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## HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

Corps Orders by Lieut.-Col. L. Chapman, Y.D.

APPOINTMENT. Pte. John Eric Wollston Beard, Left Section M.G. Co., to be Temporary 2nd Lieutenant in, and to command from this date, the Cadet Company of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps during the absence on leave for the duration of the War of Lieut. C. Smith.

The undermentioned having joined the Corps, are allotted Corps numbers and posted as follows:—No. 2,077 Pte. W. W. MacKenzie to Scouts Company. No. 2,078 Pte. J. E. W. White to Artillery Battery. No. 2,079 Bugler A. H. West to Engineer Company.

LEAVE. The undermentioned are granted leave for the duration of the war with effect from the dates mentioned:—Lieutenant C. Smith from 22.3.17.

Corporal A. Young " 15.3.17.  
Lieut. R. R. Steele " 17.3.17.  
Bomb. M. L. Raiton " 31.3.17.  
Gr. A. R. Chapman " 31.3.17.  
Pte A. H. Bremer " 1.5.17.  
Spr. C. H. Summers " 23.3.17.  
Gr. W. H. Farmer " 28.3.17.  
Gr. D. J. Tamm " 31.3.17.  
Pte W. H. G. Robson " 15.3.17.  
Pte P. J. Eastern " 23.3.17.  
Pte G. T. May " 15.3.17.  
Pte M. J. Henderson " 19.3.17.  
Spr. E. J. Grant Smith is granted 1 month's leave from 14.3.17.  
Spr. L. S. Simcoe is granted 3 month's leave from 15.3.17.

PROMOCTIONS. Lieut. W. Tully to be Corporal.

Pte F. Cullen to be Lieut. Corporal.

TRANSFERRED. Pte H. J. Sleet is transferred from H.K.V.R. to H.K.V.C. allotted Corps No. 2,080 and posted to Belchers' Section from this date.

Pte K. Brayshaw, T. B. Chaswell, W. P. O. Trafford, D. Wright, and P. A. H. Holman from Scouts Company to Belchers' Section dated 16.3.17.

ATTACHED. Ptes W. J. Morrison and J. A. Ridge-way are attached to the mounted Section H.K.V.C. dated 16.3.17.

DETAILS OF ENGINEERS' COMPANY DUTIES at Lyceum from 11 to 5.15 inst. has been posted at Headquarters.

Monday, 19th inst. 8.15 p.m.—Recruits of all units at Headquarters under Corp'l Edgcombe and Corp'l Grimes.

5.30 p.m.—Artillery Battery at Belchers' Battery. 9 to 10.30 p.m.—E. L. class No. 1 at Belchers' Battery.

Tuesday, 20th inst.—7.30 a.m.—Belchers' 6th Section at Belchers' Battery.

8.15 p.m.—Stretcher Bearer Section at Headquarters.

5.15 p.m.—Mounted Section at Jockey Club Stables.

5.30 p.m.—Signalling Section "A" and "B" classes at Wellington Barracks.

5.30 p.m.—Artillery Battery at Belchers' Battery.

8 to 10.30 p.m.—E. L. class No. 2 at Belchers' Battery.

Wednesday, 21st inst.—5.30 p.m.—E. L. classes 1 and 2 and all members of the Engineer Company not on duty at Volunteer Headquarters for lecture by Capt. W. H. R. Carr, R.E. on "Work in the Directing Station."

Thursday 22nd inst.—5.15 p.m.—Mounted Section at Jockey Club Stables.

5.30 p.m.—Artillery Battery at Belchers' Battery.

8 to 10.30 p.m.—E. L. Class No. 1, at Belchers' Battery.

Friday 23rd inst.—7.30 a.m.—Belchers' 6th Section at Belchers' Battery.

5.15 p.m.—Recruits of all units at Headquarters. Corp'l Edgcombe and Corp'l Grimes will attend.

5.30 p.m.—Signalling Section "A" and "B" classes at Wellington Barracks.

5.30 p.m.—Artillery Battery at Belchers' Battery.

8 to 10.30 p.m.—E. L. class No. 2 at Belchers' Battery.

Sunday 25th inst.—6.00 a.m.—Belchers' 8th Section Scouts Company and all members of Artillery Battery, Left, Centre, Right Sections M.G. Co. Civil Service Company and Signalling Section who did not fire on 11th inst. on Frays just east of Blake Pier and proceed by launch to Kowloon City Range for Field Firing. Dress—Drill order (Helmets) with haversacks, waterbottles (filled) two pouches and 50 rounds ball ammunition.

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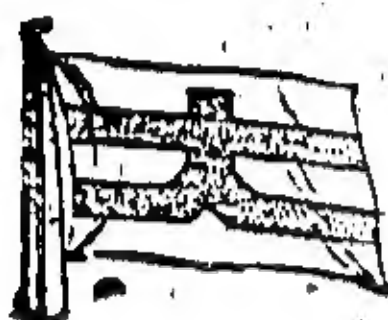
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